



**NEW MANAGER . . .** Vern P. Olson (at right) tries out his new desk after being installed as manager of Sears Torrance store. With the new manager are E. W. Weldon (left), Sears' Los Angeles-Orange County retail district manager, and Herm G. Link, retiring manager of the Torrance store. Link is retiring after 27 years of service with Sears. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Sears Installs Manager

Vern P. Olson has been installed as manager of Sears in Torrance by E. W. Weldon, manager of the firm's Los Angeles-Orange County Retail District. Olson, formerly store manager of Sears in Riverside, succeeds Herm G. Link, who has retired following 27 years of service.

The new manager was introduced by Weldon during a store-wide meeting before the store opened Monday morning.

OLSON, a 22-year Sears veteran, joined the company in 1946 as a salesman in San Diego following service in the Marine Corps.

After holding several department manager and buying control positions, Olson joined the firm's Pacific Coast Territory personnel department in 1955 on special assignment.

### Films Slated In San Pedro

Two free films will be shown Tuesday, Feb. 11, under the sponsorship of the American Constitutional Committee of the Harbor area. The films will be shown at the Seventh Street School, 1536 Seventh St., San Pedro, at 8 p.m.

"Only the Brave Are Free" and "Anarchy USA" will be followed by a question and answer period.

In 1955, he returned to San Diego in charge of the store's fashion departments and later that year was given a special assignment in the merchandising office.

IN 1956 he joined the Los Angeles-Orange County Retail District as a merchandise manager in charge of foundation garments, children's wear, men's furnishings, lounge wear, boy's clothing, men's casual wear,

men's suits and women's hosiery departments.

Olson became assistant merchandise and sales promotion manager for softlines for the district in 1959 before being promoted to the Pacific Coast Territory offices as a softlines fieldman in 1961.

He then was named manager of Sears in Hanford, Calif., in 1963 and moved to his current position in Riverside in 1966.

Olson and his wife, Theima, have one child.

## 47 Spartans Qualify for State Scholarship Grants

South High college counselor, Mrs. Betty Grebel, has announced that 47 Spartans have been named semi-finalists by the California State Scholarship and Loan Commission.

These seniors qualified by their high scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test administered in December. Scholarship awards are applicable only to

students going to colleges in California, public or private. Their grade point averages are important, but financial need is the final determining factor.

Students may request a Junior College Reserve Scholarship which they will apply to a four-year college after completion of junior college.

## Dancers to Entertain At Brotherhood Dinner

Folk dancers of the Filipino Youth United and singer Madell Haley will perform at the ninth annual Brotherhood Dinner. Mrs. David Hall, general chairman, has announced. The dinner will be at 6:30, Saturday at the South Hall School cafeteria.

Frank Stanley, executive director of the Greater Los Angeles Urban League, will be the featured speaker. Stanley has resigned his position effective Jan. 31, but plans to remain in the Los Angeles area.

The Center was founded by the Community Relations Conference of Southern California and is funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Other area groups sponsoring the dinner with the Torrance Human Relations Council are the Palos Verdes Fair Housing Council, Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee, South Bay Fair Housing Council, Harbor Human Relations Council, and the San Pedro Neighbors.

Proceeds of the dinner will finance the proposed South Bay Regional Fair Housing Coalition, which will cooperate with the Metropolitan Fair Housing Center of the Housing Opportunities Center of Greater Los An-

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p.m. in Western Federal's Del Amo facility, 21325 Hawthorne Blvd., the seminar will deal with such topics as inflation, its effect on your money, increasing your income with present capital, insurance versus investments, wills, trusts, and probate problems. James H. Balkman, Master-

plan's regional vice president and a registered representative of M.H. Deckard, will conduct the seminar.

To register for the seminar or for information concerning future financial information programs, interested persons are ask to call the Masterplan-Deckard office.

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